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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 1999, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the application. Claims 1-16 remain in the application.

II. <u>DOUBLE-PATENTING REJECTIONS</u>

In paragraphs (2)-(3) of the Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double-patenting over claims 1-8 of copending Application Serial No. 09/1756,510.

The Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate Under 3.73 (b) to overcome these rejections.

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectively solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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